In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (currently amended). A ~~laser-markable~~ composition ~~which~~ that comprises a ~~pigment~~ laser-markable material that absorbs at 10,600 nm, a solvent and a conductive polymer that absorbs IR radiation.

2 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises a binder having a labile group.

3 (currently amended). The composition according to claim 1, wherein the ~~pigment~~ laser-markable material comprises [[an]]a multivalent metal that undergoes a colour change due to a change in oxidation state, on irradiation.

4 (currently amended). The composition according to claim 3, wherein the ~~metal~~ laser-markable material is an octamolybdate.

5 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 1, which additionally comprises a colour-former.

6 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 5, which comprises a substantially colourless electron-donating dye precursor.

7 (withdrawn and currently amended). A method for providing an image on a substrate, which comprises applying to the substrate a ~~pigment~~ laser-markable material that absorbs at 10,000 nm and a conductive polymer that absorbs IR radiation, followed by infrared irradiation.

8 (previously presented). The method according to claim 7, wherein the irradiation is by means of a laser emitting light at a wavelength of 800-1500 nm.

9 (new). The composition according to claim 4, wherein the laser-markable material is ammonium octamolybdate.

10 (new). A composition according to claim 1, wherein the conductive polymer comprises linked monomers that are conjugated and which, therefore, allow delocalization/conduction of a positive or negative charge.

11 (new). The composition according to claim 10, wherein the monomers that are conjugated are selected from aniline, thiophene, pyrrole, furan and substituted derivatives thereof.